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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS TO STAFF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO
EMBASSY BERLIN

REF: (A) BERLIN 5223 (B) STATE 037695

1. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE SUGGESTION THAT PER/CA/FS/T&R
BE ASKED TO GRANT MS. MAGMER AN ATTACHE TITLE TO ENABLE
ISSUANCE TO HER OF A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. WE CONSIDER,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE IN HER CASE.
NOT EVERYONE AT EMBASSY BERLIN HAS A DIPLOMATIC TITLE,
AND OTHER SECRETARIES HERE DO NOT HAVE SUCH TITLES.

2. IN REF. (A) WE EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING
A PRINCIPLE, I.E. THAT ALL STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY BERLIN SHOULD HAVE DIPLOMATIC
PASSPORTS, AND NOT JUST MS. MAGMER. BERLIN IS A UNIQUE
CITY WITH A SPECIAL POLITICAL STATUS THAT HAS ITS BASIS
IN ALLIED AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION OVER THE PAST
THIRTY YEARS. THERE IS NOW AN AMERICAN EMBASSY TO THE
GDR LOCATED IN THE SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN. ALLIED
TRAVEL TO AND WITHIN BERLIN IS A COMPLEX SUBJECT THAT
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IS UNDER CONTINUING POLICY REVIEW BY ALLIED EMBASSIES

IN BONN AND BERLIN AND BY THE DEPARTMENT. PRESENT
MOVEMENT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SECTOR-SECTOR
TRAVEL MAKE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT ALL STATE DEPART-
MENT PERSONNEL AT THIS EMBASSY HAVE THE PROTECTION AND
FACILITY PROVIDED BY A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

3. WE DO NOT CONSIDER A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FOR MS.
MAGMER (OR INDEED FOR ANY OTHER STATE EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED
TO EMBASSY BERLIN) AS IN ANY WAY A PERQUISITE OR REWARD,
BUT RATHER AS A PROFESSIONAL TOOL REQUIRED FOR THE
PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES IN A PLACE WHERE, IN
SUPPORT OF US POLICY INTERESTS IN ALL OF BERLIN, WORKING
AND LIVING CONDITIONS OBTAIN THAT ARE NOT FOUND AT ANY
OTHER POST.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE
POSITION SET FORTH IN REF (B) RECOGNIZING THAT SOME
FLEXIBILITY IN THE INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS MAY
BE NEEDED IN LIGHT OF US INTERESTS IN BERLIN TO RESOLVE
THIS SPECIAL SITUATION. COOPER

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